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A SUGGESTION TO PARENTS.

The best way to prevent a general spreading of infantile paralysis in Barre is for parents to keep their children on their home premises. For some weeks the malady did not make its appearance in Barre despite the fact that there were many cases in adjacent towns, and it seems certain that the outbreak of the disease at this late day in the epidemic was due to laxity of personal movements either on the part of Barre people visiting other communities or in persons from infected sections visiting in Barre. At any rate infantile paralysis has gained a foothold in the city, and it is up to the people of Barre to stamp it out. No parents wish the disease to make its way into their homes, and to prevent that possibility they must keep their children at home and away from other children for a few weeks until the disease is wiped out. If this is not done, there is no telling what the result will be as the weather conditions are particularly favorable for the spreading of the malady. Another suggestion is that when a child shows signs of sickness a physician be called without delay and precautions be taken to isolate the child as much as possible. The child may not have the disease, but it is far better to be on the safe side.

Chile's cabinet got frost-bitten.

You must be a regular photographer in Montpelier, besides being discriminating.

An evening's parade of automobiles in Barre does not indicate much conservation of gasoline.

Elihu Root and his American commission did not complete their work in Russia, it now appears.

As we have said before, save your pennies and your dollars for the next United States government war loan.

Frequent trench raiding has usually been the prelude to a great British offensive. Trench raiding has been kept up for a week or more by Gen. Haig.

President Wilson is to be commended for his backbone in eliminating the disputants in the shipbuilding row, after giving them both plenty of time to settle their differences.

One might hope that the Russian retirement in Galicia is merely a ruse to lead the Teutons on, but the evacuation of important positions in that retirement rather silences the hope.

It is a misfortune that Miss Helen Keller cannot see the beauties of Vermont during her vacation at Lake St. Catherine in Poultney, but she no doubt feels the wonderful attractiveness of the region.

William J. Bryan, it appears, is calling and loudly for a peace which will eliminate the German peril to world contentment. His attitude is a welcome relief to the position which he took while serving as secretary of state.

The nation's percentage of enlistment prior to the draft credit was 40.4. Vermont's percentage was 67.4. We are still waiting to learn that some of the metropolitan newspapers have made honorable amends to Vermont for their disparagement of the state's patriotism.

The orders to the National Guard of New England to mobilize to-day was not necessary in Vermont, for the Vermont National Guard has been mobilized for many weeks, awaiting further call from the national government. That fact shows how ready Vermont is to give service.

Increased activity by German war aviators may be taken to indicate an attempt to find out just how many American soldiers are now back of the battle line in France waiting to take their places in the trenches. It is fairly certain that we have the Germans guessing as to the size of the first American expeditionary force, despite their published statements in which they minimize the military significance of the entrance of the United States into actual war.

The resignation of both Goethals and Denman was the only logical step in the unwinding of the tangle into which the United States shipbuilding program had become thrown through the disagreement between those directing heads; and the consummation of those resignations, followed by the appointment of well known Americans to their positions, should mean the hastening of the work of carrying out the program. If one of the disagreeing parties was to go, it was quite necessary that the other should go also, since, were one to remain, he would undoubtedly try to force his views on the man to replace the former antagonist. With two new men in the most important positions on the shipping board and the Emergency Fleet corporation the program can start off without bias and solely with an idea of getting the best possible results from the efforts. There has been altogether too much de-

lay in the carrying out of some program while our allies were beginning to feel the pinch of the submarine warfare against commerce ships. With Messrs. Edward N. Hurley and Washington L. Capps in the administrative positions there is reason to hope for reasonably prompt results.

RUSSIA'S NEED OF STERN CONTROL.

If the formal appeal delivered by the executive councils of the all-Russian workmen's and soldiers' and peasants' organizations to the Russian soldiers in the field is a fair sample of the kind of argument advanced why they should fight, then there is no wonder that the average Russian mind is only slightly fired by enthusiasm and spurred on to deeds of valor. The appeal, so-called, is about the most wishy-washy kind of a document that has come to notice within recent times, starting off with the gloomy assertion that one of the Russian armies in the field is wavering, continuing with gloomy foreboding that the government at home is having trouble in dealing with internal affairs and ending in a general cloud of uncertainty. There is scarcely a single sentence in the whole appeal that is calculated to encourage the Russian soldiers to fight for their country save the admonition to "save your fatherland," which, one can readily see, is not likely to fire the Russian peasants to patriotic deeds. The writer of the document would perhaps have fair success as an essayist along humdrum lines, but he never would do as an inspirer of national feeling and national valor.

Much in contrast to the workmen's, soldiers' and peasants' appeal is the "blood and iron" charge made by Premier Kerensky on the occasion of his assumption of well-nigh dictatorial powers conferred on him by that same council of workmen's, soldiers' and peasants' deputies. It is of the right stuff, an appeal to the sentiment of the soldiers and at the same time tinged with a threat that if they do not perform their duty they personally will suffer the consequences of their disloyalty. What the average Russian, freed suddenly from the thralldom of autocracy, needs is a firm, guiding hand until he finds himself, so to speak. He is now wandering about in the haze of governmental uncertainty following the removal of the rule of a czar. There must be some strong directing power to steer his course clearly toward democracy and all that democracy means. Kerensky, let it be added, seems to be the man suited, above all those yet risen to the surface in Russia, capable of being that director.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some "Girl from Broadway" Actors Speak.

To the Editor: Dear Sir—Having twice seen the request for a statement regarding the proceeds of the "Girl from Broadway," we, the undersigned, would like to make this statement regarding same. As we had no connection whatever with the financial end of it, and no knowledge of the receipts or bills connected with same, we are wholly ignorant of what was really done with the money. As one person had entire charge of staging, advertising and financing the play, we ask the kind people to look to that particular person to make a statement if his whereabouts can be ascertained, as we have no knowledge of his whereabouts. Hoping that he may come to light soon and give an account of his stewardship, we remain,

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PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

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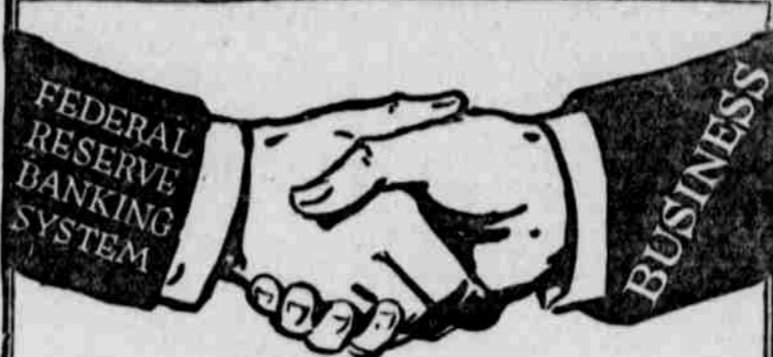


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THE KING'S VALET

By RUTH GRAHAM

The king was dead, and the people would have cried, "Long live the king!" but they did not know which of two claimants would secure the throne. Prince Ludwig, the representative of a legal dynasty, was at the capital, but the Crown Prince Rudolph, who had been banished by his father, was in Paris. Rudolph was the choice of the people, but the Austrian government desired to place Ludwig on the throne. Rudolph made his preparations to go to claim his crown, and, being obliged to pass through Austrian territory, the government desired to intercept him. "Your majesty," said Rudolph's bodyguard friend, Count Ernest Gerhart, who proposed to accompany his sovereign to his capital, "I suggest that we travel as master and valet. I to be the master, you the valet."

"An admirable plan," said Rudolph. "We will adopt it." That night the two started, the count disguised as a bourgeois merchant, Rudolph as a German valet. The two carried their parts well, the count enacting a shopkeeper who had made money and was consequently proud, Rudolph playing a servant who had all the spirit beaten out of him by a tyrannical master. Count Ernest being the king's intimate friend and faithful adherent, took pleasure in giving him plenty to do and abusing him soundly at the slightest remoteness. Passing down the Danube by boat, the two attracted the attention of the Baroness von Vallenstein and her beautiful daughter Bertha.

"Hans," cried Count Ernest, "bring me some hock and soda water, and don't spend the whole day gabbling with the other servants. Be quick!" Hans moved away, and Bertha von Vallenstein, who had looked up from her book, cast an indignant glance at the count for the severity of his tone. When the valet returned with the hock and soda Count Ernest berated him for having been gone so long. Bertha von Vallenstein, indignant at the count's abuse, called Hans to her and said to him:

"Do you wish to leave the service of the man who treats you so harshly? If you do I will engage you at once. My mother and I need a manservant."

"Thank you, fraulein," stammered the astonished king incognito. "He pays me such good wages that—"

"I will pay you double." The king was in a quandary. Count Ernest, who saw what was going on, ordered him away on another errand and when he was gone said to the young lady:

"Pardon me, fraulein. This servant whom you think I treat so unjustly must be handled with great severity. He has overruled every master he has served till he came to me, and at the slightest evidence of kindness he would turn upon me with violence."

After that Count Ernest, seeing his mistake in attracting attention by his

feigned severity, treated his servant less harshly. They pursued their journey, eluding the spies both of Prince Ludwig and the Austrian government, and at last Rudolph found himself safe over the borders of his kingdom. He immediately threw off his incognito and, having been joined by a number of his adherent nobles, moved on toward the capital, everywhere greeted with great joy and affection.

Bertha von Vallenstein and her mother, having taken a direct route while the king was obliged to take a very circuitous one, arrived long before him. She could not put away the image of the valet who had borne so patiently the harshness of his master, and she looked for him every day to appear and enter her service. Her mother laughed at her, assuring her that after what his master had said of him she would run a great risk in engaging him and tried to persuade her daughter to proceed with her on their journey. Then the news came of the arrival of Prince Rudolph at the border, and the baroness and her daughter decided to remain and witness his entry into his capital.

Meanwhile the whole kingdom had gone overwhelmingly for the legitimate heir, and preparations were made for his reception. It was a beautiful morning that Rudolph entered his capital mounted on horseback, attended by his nobles, Count Ernest Gerhart riding beside him, and followed by a large military escort. As he passed the hotel where the baroness and her daughter were stopping he looked up at the windows till his eyes caught those of Bertha, when he smiled and bowed, removing his hat with especial deference. "Mother," gasped Bertha, withdrawing from the window, "what does it mean? Am I dreaming or am I delirious? The king has the features of the valet Hans!"

"Nonsense, my dear! There is a resemblance, and since that valet has turned your head you magnify it." The king was proclaimed, and to the state ball following the proclamation invitations came to the Von Vallensteins. When Bertha was presented to the king, he was observed to whisper something in her ear, and she passed on with an expression of delight on a face also covered with blushes.

What the king whispered was this: "I am ready to enter your service, but not as your valet."

And so it happened that King Rudolph XII. took a wife not of royal blood, but as he received with her an enormous fortune, most of which was spent on the poor of the kingdom, the match was highly approved by his subjects.

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